

California Occupational Projections 2007-2009

For the 2007-2009 period, California occupational projections is based on employment from the third quarter of 2007 and projects to the third quarter of 2009. By the third quarter of 2009, total employment is expected to reach about 17.4 million by adding:

- 100,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- About 781,300 job openings from net replacements,
- A combined total of approximately 881,300 job openings.

Net replacements measure the number of workers needed to replace those that have left the labor force or have changed occupations.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate about 63 percent of all job openings in California during this forecast period. Forty four occupations are forecasted to have more job openings from replacements than from employment growth. An aging workforce combined with slow economic growth is shifting openings from new jobs to replacements. Even occupations with no growth such as Cashiers, Farmworkers and Laborers, and Stock Clerks and Order Fillers are forecasted to have thousands of job openings due to replacement needs.

The 20 Occupations with the Most Openings. Each of these occupations is expected to have over 9,000 job openings. Fifteen of the twenty occupations require short-term on-the-job training with median hourly wages ranging from \$8.36 to \$13.17. Entry level occupations include Cashiers, Retail Salespersons, Waiters and Waitresses, and Counter Attendants. Higher skilled and higher paying occupations such as Registered Nurses, Teachers, and Managers are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings. (See chart: California Top Twenty Occupations with the Most Openings 2007-2009.)

The top 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at a rate of 3.4 percent or more over the two-year projections period, thriving compared to the slower 0.6 percent average growth projected for the state. Strong growth is forecasted for occupations in the Healthcare, Computer, Engineering, and Social Services industries. Over half of the occupations require education past high school, with the majority requiring a bachelor's degree.

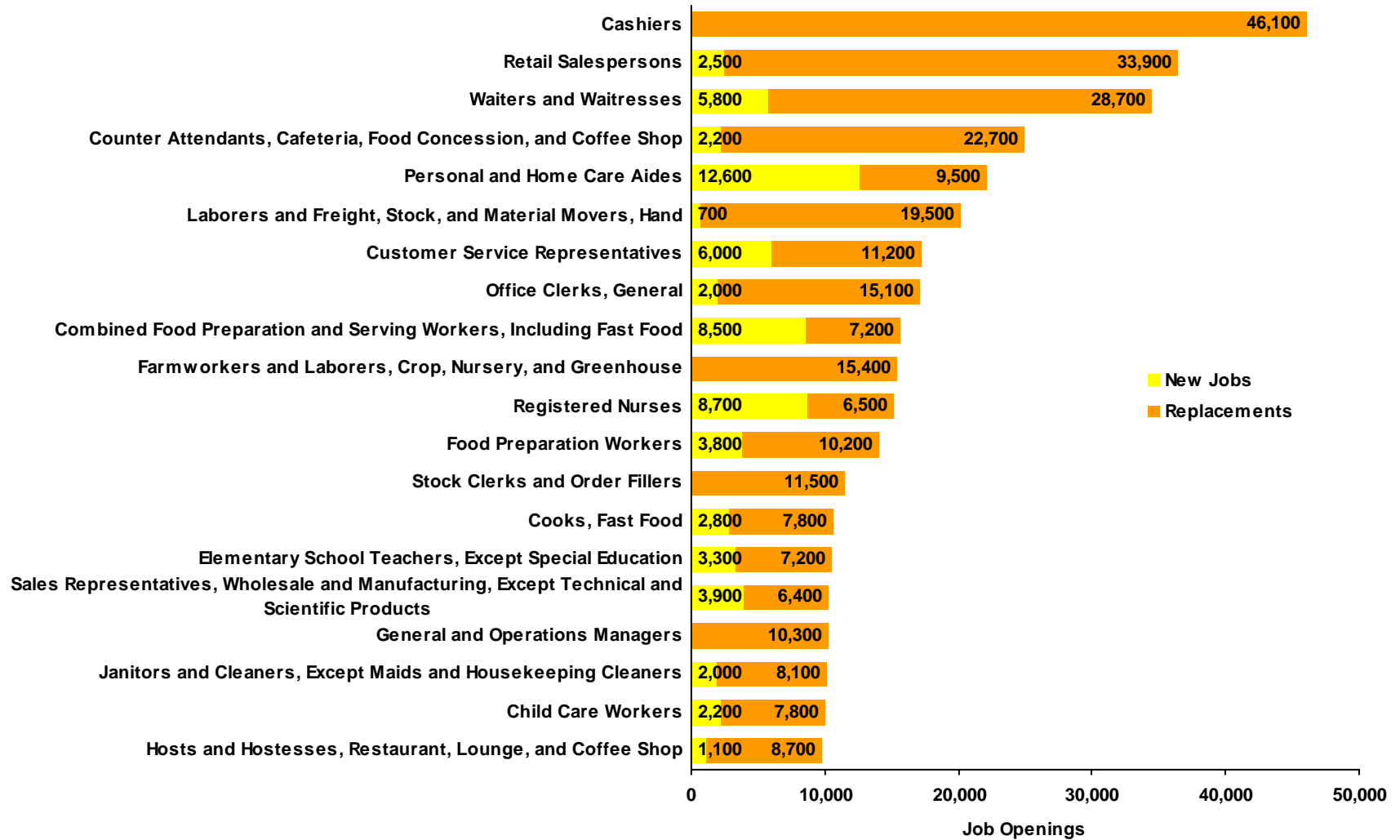
The 20 Fastest Growing Occupations. Computer and science occupations combined make up 40 percent of the 20 fastest growing occupations. All of the computer-related occupations require a bachelor's degree. Median hourly wages range from \$35.99 for Network Systems and Data Communications

Administrators to \$46.38 for Computer Software Engineers, Applications. The science occupations require an associate degree or higher. Median hourly wages range from \$20.50 for Biological Technicians to \$37.80 for Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists. (See chart: California Twenty Fastest Growing Occupations 2007-2009.)

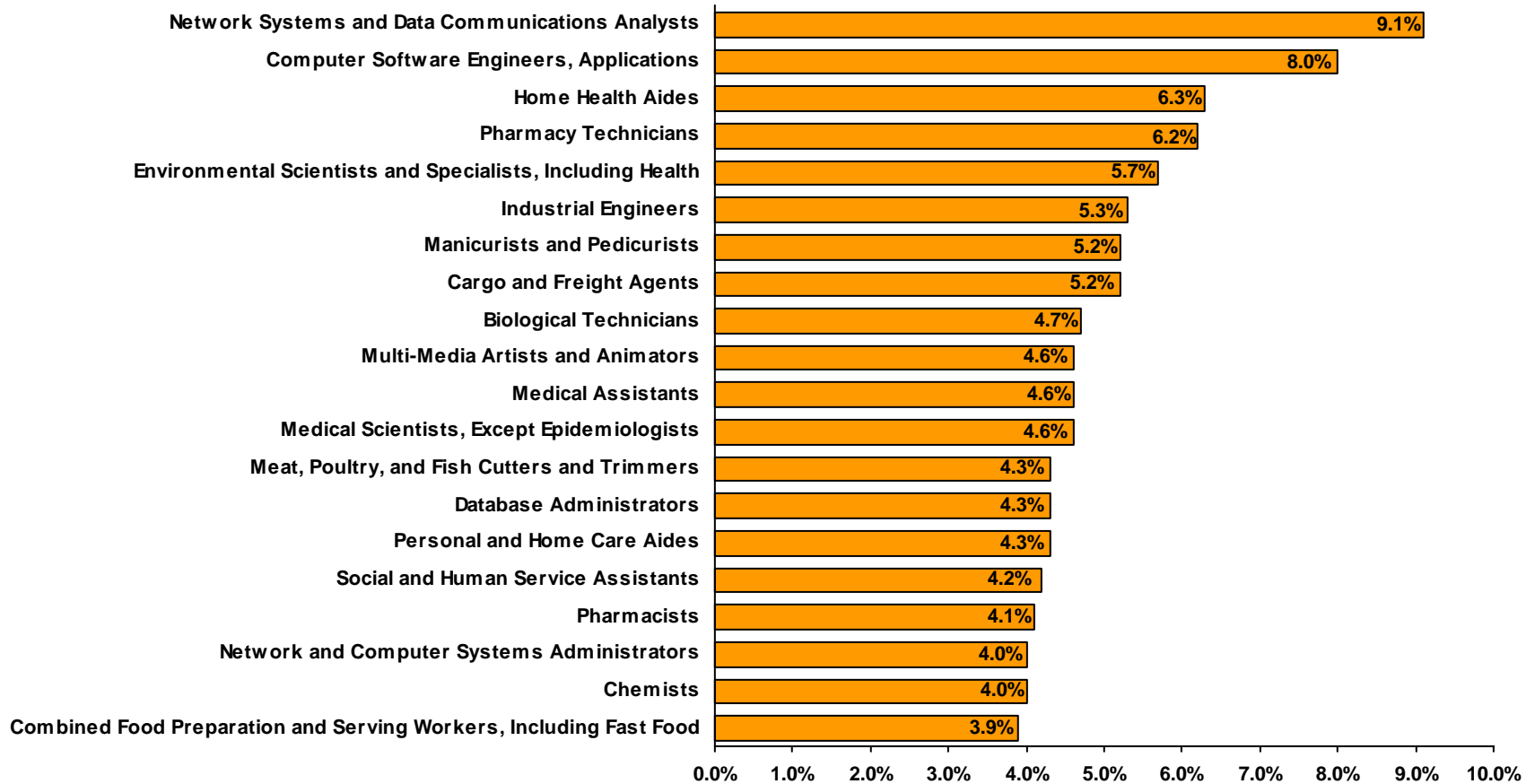
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Top Twenty Occupations with the Most Job Openings
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Twenty Fastest Growing Occupations
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Includes occupations with employment greater than 10,000 in 2007.